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TAGS: OVIP

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY DEAN RUSK CONCERNING LEAKS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AP 0401 QUOTE ATLANTA, GA. (AP)
 FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK SAYS HE ASKED THE
 FBI TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE LEAKS TO THE PRESS A NUMBER OF
 TIMES WHILE HE WAS THE NATION'S HIGHEST FOREIGN AFFAIRS
 OFFICIAL BUT NEVER REQUESTED WIRETAPPING AS PART OF AN
 INVESTIGATION.

RUSK, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION,
 SAID WEDNESDAY HE ABHORS WIRETAPPING, BUT HE ADDED
 THERE "COULD BE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING NATIONAL SECURITY
 AND CONFIDENTIALITY WHERE WIRETAPPING WAS JUSTIFIED.

RUSK, NOW A UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LAW PROFESSOR, MADE THE
 COMMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY
 KISSINGER'S THREAT TO RESIGN IF HE WERE NOT CLEARED OF
 ALLEGATIONS THAT HE ORDERED WIRETAPS ON 13 ADMINISTRATION
 OFFICIALS AND FOUR NEWSMEN IN AN EFFORT TO PLUG LEAKS TO
 THE PRESS.

RUSK SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LEGAL FOR KISSINGER TO
 SUGGEST THE WIRETAPS, BUT THE FINAL AUTHORIZATION HAD TO
 COME FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE PRESIDENT.

RUSK SAID KISSINGER HAS "DONE A VERY VALUABLE JOB" AND

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2. DEPARTMENT IS ENDEAVORING OBTAIN FULL TEXT AND WILL
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